

PARK NEWSLETTER



**Ensuring every individual achieves their best through high expectations for all;
with a focus on confidence, creativity, care and aspiration.**

13th May 2019

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Reception & Key Stage 1

Halima, Tharun and Ayub in Reception.

Nancy, Aryan and Tomas in Year 1.

Hanzalah, Aisha and Zaarib in Year 2.

Lower Key Stage 2

Adam, Hannah and Sama in Year 3.

Zakia, Annisha and Sofia in Year 4.

Upper Key Stage 2

Arrun, Riyaz and Ioana F in Year 5.

Zahi, Rady and Maisha in Year 6.

Assistant Head Teachers' Stars of the Week

Miss Cook's star is Rezwan in Key Stage 1.

Miss Patora's star is Hannah in Lower Key Stage 2.

Mr Walker's star is Safwaan in Upper Key Stage 2.

Attendance Stars

Aldrin Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 98.3%.

Edison and Brunel in Lower Key Stage 2 with 100%.

Gandhi and Helen Keller in Upper Key Stage 2 with 100%.

Overall Attendance: 94.8% 😊

Overall Attendance Target: 96%



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to **Da Vinci, Edison and Hawking** who achieved 100% punctuality this week.

Walk to School Week

Next week (Monday 20th - Friday 24th) is National Walk to School Week. Please support this initiative by walking to school (or scooting/cycling/rollerblading etc.) next week. If the distance you live away from school is too far to walk, please travel to school via public transport or park up away a few streets away from the school building and walk the last part of the journey.

Parent & Carer Workshops

Online Resilience Workshop

Thank you to Jo and Rukhsana from the Headstart Team who delivered an excellent Online Resilience workshop on Monday this week. Unfortunately, not everyone who had booked a place attended the workshop.

The following links and information were shared with attendees and may be useful to all parents and carers.

Share aware: Online safety help and advice, downloadable share aware guide:

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware

Net aware: your guide to the social networks your children use:

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk>

NSPCC & 02 Partnership: let's keep children safe online

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-02-online-safety-partnership>.

Also, 02 help parents put parental locks on their phones and you don't need to be an 02 customer.

02 & NSPCC technical helpline: 0808 800 5002 - you do not need to be a customer of 02 and you can also get assistance in shops. They have trained staff who will help you adjust internet and device settings to keep young people safe online.

Please book a place in the office if you would like to attend any of the sessions below.

Mon 10th June 9:15-11:15	Mental Health
Date TBC	Triple P Parenting classes

Punctuality

Please could we remind you that the school day starts at 8:55am. Your child should be in the playground **ahead of 8:55am** so that they are ready to line up when the bell rings. Year 5 & 6 are welcome to go into school from 8:45am.

There are many reasons why the children should be at school on time. These include:

1. Building good habits for life.

Children should learn from an early age that punctuality is important. As adults, we know that poor punctuality could lead us to lose our jobs. Children need to be taught that punctuality is important and they need you as their parents and carers to model it to them.

2. Learning

The children's learning starts as soon as they enter the classroom - both academic and social. By missing the start of the day, the children are missing valuable learning time. Additionally, by arriving late, the learning of other children is disrupted.

3. Children's wellbeing

It is often embarrassing for children when they arrive into school late.

4. It's the law!

As a parent/carer, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child arrives in school on time. Penalty Notices can be issued by the Local Authority for poor punctuality.

We do understand that mornings are often a rush and occasionally things happen which lead children to arrive at school late. It is really important though to establish routines at home that will help you to ensure your child arrives at school on time.



It is not unusual for families to arrive at school having faced a battle at home before they've even left the house. Please know that we have worked with lots of families going through this. Rehana Begum, our Family Support Worker, is able to offer

support - often with a cup of tea! Please catch her on the gate or leave a message in the office and she'll give you a call. Your child's class teacher will want to help too - let them know what's going on and they'll be there to help too. You're not alone.

Tahirah Sherriff, our Attendance Officer will continue to monitor punctuality and will be contacting families whose punctuality is of a concern. She is also there to support you so please talk to her about any difficulties you may be having.

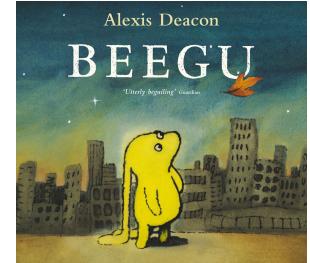
This week...

Word of the Week

In Collective Worship this week the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will focus on kindness.

Park Ponders

Park's P4C club started this week and they used the book 'Beegu' as their stimulus. The children raised many philosophical questions to discuss in their enquiry. They voted to discuss, "Is the country you were born in always your home?"



For Park Ponders this week, we are going to ask you to consider one of their other questions.

Is it ever okay to judge people?

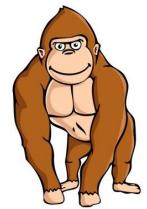


Learning Power Focus

This week are focusing on being a '**Go for it Gorilla**'. The Go for it Gorilla reminds us to have a go.

You can show your teacher that you are a Go for it Gorilla by:

- using the language, "I can't do it yet.";
- having a Growth Mindset;
- trying things without support;
- not worrying about making mistakes;
- learning from our mistakes;
- and being excited to try new things.



Thought for the Week



Current Affairs



The country of Ukraine has elected a comedian called Volodymyr Zelensky as its new president. Volodymyr, who is originally an actor and comedian, once starred in a role as a teacher who accidentally becomes president! According to official results, he won Ukraine's presidential election with 73% of the vote. Volodymyr has no previous political experience and wasn't very clear on his main goals and so many were surprised to hear of the surprising victory!

Things to talk about at home...

- Can you think of different people who are leaders in different roles? E.g. the leader at your school, your country, a group you're part of. What makes them good at their roles?
- Do you think anyone should be allowed to run a country or do you think there should be restrictions? E.g. age, certain qualifications or experience required.

British Values Link: Respect



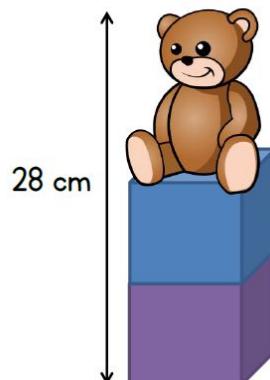
Ms Phelan's Weekly Mathematics Challenge

KS1 Challenge

A teddy sits on top of two cubes.

The teddy is 12 cm tall.

Each cube has the same height.



What is the height of each cube?

KS2 Challenge

Jake has £6.30 in a moneybox.

He only has 50p and 10p coins.



For every 50p coin in the box, Jake has two 10p coins.

How many of each coin does Jake have in his moneybox?

Answers to last week's problems.

KS1 - Sam has 38 cubes in total.

KS2 - One third of Jon's number is 8.

Dates for the Diary

Sharing Assemblies 9:00-9:30am

Date	KS1	KS2
17.05.19	Columbus	Galileo
24.05.19	Pasteur	Gandhi
HALF TERM		
7.06.19	No sharing	Malala
14.06.19	Aldrin	Rosa Parks
21.06.19	Cook	Mandela
28.06.19	Marie Curie	Brunel
5.07.19	Da Gama	Pankhurst
12.07.19	Marco Polo	Berners Lee
19.07.19	Star of the Term Assembly	

May 2019

Monday 20th - Friday 24th Walk to School Week

Thursday 23rd - Reception classes closed due to the classrooms being used as a polling station

Thursday 23rd Year 4 visit to West Stow

June 2019

Saturday 29th June PTA Fun Day

July 2019

Monday 8th Sports Day 1 (Competitive Sports - KS1 PM, KS2 AM)

Monday 15th Sports Day 2 (Whole School PM)

Friday 12th Choral Speaking Event: Shakespeare in the Park 2:00pm-3:00pm

Friday 12th End of Year Reports Home

Friday 19th Star of the Term Assembly AM

Friday 19th Year 6 Leavers' Assembly PM

Friday 19th Last day of term

September 2019

Wednesday 4th Children back to school

The Sun's Out!

It's that time of year when we ask the children to be especially sun aware. Please help to keep your children safe in the sun by following the guidance on the following page.



Please remember that strappy tops which leave the shoulders bare, and those which expose the midriff are not appropriate to be worn in school.

Please also remember that open toe shoes are not allowed due to health and safety reasons.

Safety in the Sun



Wear a hat to cover the face, ears and neck.

Apply sunscreen before your child comes to school.

Bring a labelled bottle of sunscreen into school for your child to apply more before they go out to play.



Children are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses.

Wear a top that covers your shoulders.

Wear suitable shoes.

Please ensure your child wears suitable shoes to school. In the interests of safety, children should not wear open toe shoes or sandals to school.

